

## **Enterprise Communications Strategy**

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## **Our Time Together**

Let's learn about Corporate Communications.

 Let's learn about the Enterprise Communications Strategy (ECS).

Let's see how we can use the ECS for the Agency

**Strategy Communication Plan** 





# **Corporate Communications -**

## Roles and Responsibilities

- ✓ Develops the process, messages, tools and tactics to assist effective communication with stakeholders.
- ✓ Provides SME support as needed during the development and implementation of targeted communication







## **Corporate Communications - Who Are We?**

#### 9 Core functions

- ✓ Product Communications
  - Joe Hatcher
- ✓ Corp ID & Comm Design
  - Steve Beckley
- ✓ Media Relations
  - Steve Burghardt
- ✓ Community Outreach
  - Deb Harris

- ✓ Internal Communications
  - Kevin Jackson
- ✓ Strategic Communications Research, Analysis and Planning
  - TBD
- ✓ Event Planning
  - Cindy Cox
- ✓ FOIA/PA
  - Linda Krabbenhoft
- ✓ Legislative Liaison
  - Judy Berman





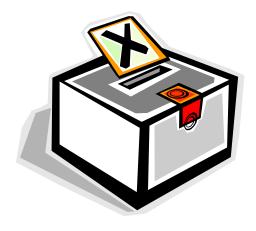






# **Polling Question**

- What is the first thing everyone wants to do when they talk about communication?
  - ✓ A. Decide how to communicate
  - ✓ B. Determine who we need to tell
  - ✓ C. Decide what the message is
  - ✓ D. Call Corporate Communications
  - ✓ E. Do a video with Mrs. McKay, Mr. Gustafson, Mr. Turner or Mrs. Zmyslinski as spokesperson







## **Enterprise Communications**

## Purpose

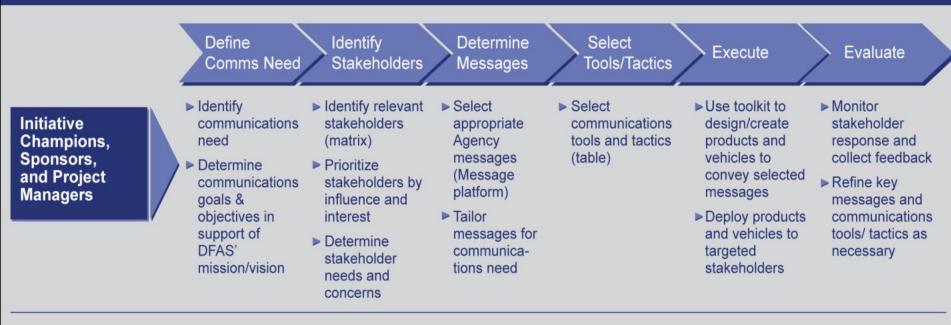
- ✓ Provides a communication framework in which to effectively engage our stakeholders, consistently communicate our messages, and continuously assess the success of our efforts.
- ✓ Enables leadership to accomplish:
  - Fulfilling the DFAS mission, agenda and initiatives with the understanding and collaboration of stakeholders
  - Build stakeholder understanding of DFAS initiatives, the impacts to their processes and systems, and strategies to address them as needed
  - Build leadership credibility and trust through active and consistent communications
  - Improve communication effectiveness through lessons learned and stakeholder feedback



## **Enterprise Communications Approach**

The ECS provides leaders a roadmap and tools for standardized communications.

#### **Enterprise Communications Strategy Implementation**



Corporate Communications

Contact **Corporate Communications**: For guidance performing any of the above OR If the project scope extends beyond the span of control or has agency-wide impact, (i.e., reaches across multiple organizations within the Agency or to external audiences) to determine if additional coordination makes sense.



### **DFAS Message Platform**

Core \
Message

**The DFAS Vision:** To be the recognized leader in DoD's financial management by consistently delivering first class service and products.

Subordinate Messages

The DFAS Strategic Themes

Customer Collaboration

Continuous Improvement Operational Excellence

**Proof Messages** 

"Make me believe"

Data, facts, analysis and evidence required to validate the message

**Examples** 

"Make me care"

Anecdotes and/or local stories that make messages resonate with audiences



## Communicating the Strategy in Six Steps

The ECS six-step approach may be used for simple communications activities as well as more complex efforts requiring collaboration among multiple communications partners.

Define Comms Need\*

Make DFAS Strategy real for employees and customers.

Identify Stakeholders \*

DFAS Employees and Customers

Determine Messages

- Customer Collaboration: Provide value-added customer solutions
- Continuous Improvement: Smart changes for better, faster results
- Operational Excellence: Deliver first-class products and services

Select Tools/Tactics\*

- Electronic: Strategy Map mash-up on public web site, DBJ, e-mails, Audio/video
- Print materials: Strategy Mall Map for supervisors
- Interpersonal: Briefing charts/talking points for Senior Executives

Execute

- Phase 1 Introduction of Strategy: January March 2010
- Phase 2 Educating Stakeholders about Strategy: April September 2010
- Phase 3 Sustaining the strategy: October 2010 2015

Evaluate

- Focus Groups
- OAS and other surveys



### What's Next?

#### Roll out ECS

- ✓ Supervisors' Forum Oct 09
- ✓ Executive Offsite Nov 09
- ✓ Interactive video and web Early CY 10
- Finalize 4 documents matches all other volumes
   in DFAS strategy library
   with Agency Strategy
   being primary volume!
  - ✓ ECS Main Book
  - ✓ ECS Stakeholder Guide
  - ✓ ECS Messaging Guide
  - ✓ ECS Tools & Tactics Guide

